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Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of the 21 person US delegation to the World Conference Against Apartheid, Racism and Colonialism in Southern Africa, held June 16-19 in Lisbon, Portugal. The delegation represented a cross section of opinion in our country calling for fundamental change in the policies of our government and the US corporations toward the racist regimes in Southern Africa. This letter is intended to report to you on the decisions of the conference and the actions of the US delegation.

First of all, we include the main documents of the conference -- the General Declaration and the Program of Action. Secondly, you will find the text of the telegram we sent from Lisbon to President Carter. And third, there is a brief summary of the conference.

Over 400 delegates from some 75 countries, representing over 200 organizations and 20 international and UN bodies participated. The top leadership of the movements directing the struggles in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa participated. Also represented were official delegates from all the African front-line states, the Organization of African Unity, the UN Decolonization Committee, and the UN Committee Against Apartheid. There were official representatives of political parties of Europe, Asia, and Latin America, including governing parties of Britain, Sweden, Portugal, Finland, Greece and Cyprus, to mention a few. This conference represented, perhaps, the broadest assemblage ever to come together demanding action against apartheid, racism and colonialism.

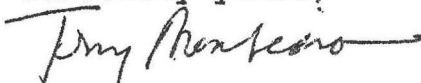
Along with the majority of the world's people, there can be no doubt that the people of our country urgently want to build and strengthen the united movement to materially and morally support the struggling peoples of Southern Africa. In making its contribution to building such a movement, our delegation pledged to:

- 1) help organize a week of national protest, August 9-16, to commemorate South African Women's Day; and
- 2) participate in calling for a national conference in the Fall to build support for the peoples of Southern Africa. (Many of us worked to try to bring about the People's Congress Against Racism and Apartheid last April -- now there is a stronger basis to carry it through successfully.)

The steering committee of our delegation will be participating in a meeting to prepare for these actions on July 23-24 in Atlanta. Directly following that, more information and details will be available.

We hope that you find the enclosed information useful in your work, and we look forward to working together in the future.

Sincerely yours,



Tony Monteiro
US Delegation Leader

List of Participants from the United States at the World Conference Against
Apartheid, Racism, Colonialism in Southern Africa, Lisbon June 16-19, 1977
(with affiliations for purposes of identification)

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*Mimi Edmunds, Southern Africa magazine collective

Judith Gold, Women for Economic and Racial Equality

*Yvonne Golden, Bay Area World Peace Council

Paul Irish, American Committee on Africa

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*Bernard Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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